

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY, IES UTILITIES INC., and MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NOS. ARC-99-150 ARC-99-151 ARC-99-156
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ORDER DOCKETING CASES AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

(Issued June 9, 1999)

On May 14, 1999, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) its annual electric fuel procurement plan as required by IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-20.13(1) (1999). IES Utilities Inc. (IES) and Interstate Power Company (Interstate) filed their fuel procurement plans on May 17, 1999. IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-20.13(2) (1999) provides that the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice and any intervenors file prepared direct testimony on or before June 30, 1999. Rule 20.13(2) also provides that the electric utilities file prepared rebuttal testimony and exhibits on or before July 30, 1999.

In accordance with the provisions of IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-20.13(2), these filings will be docketed as separate contested cases to evaluate the reasonableness and prudence of each utility's procurement practices. A joint procedural schedule will be utilized for these dockets.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The fuel procurement plans filed by the rate-regulated utilities providing electric service in Iowa shall be docketed as separate contested cases for the purpose of evaluating the reasonableness and prudence of the utilities' fuel procurement practices. The cases will be identified as follows:

- a. Interstate Power Company, Docket No. ARC-99-150;
- b. IES Utilities Inc., Docket No. ARC-99-151; and
- c. MidAmerican Energy Company, Docket No. ARC-99-156.

2. Pursuant to IOWA ADMIN. CODE 199-20.13(2) (1999), the following joint procedural schedule is established:

- a. On or before June 30, 1999, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice and any intervenors shall file prepared direct testimony and exhibits.
- b. On or before July 30, 1999, each utility shall file prepared rebuttal testimony and exhibits.
- c. A hearing on these matters shall be held on Thursday, September 2, 1999, beginning at 9 a.m., for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all testimony. The hearing shall be held in the Iowa Utilities Board's Hearing Room, 350 Maple Street, Des Moines, Iowa. The utilities that have filed plans are scheduled at the following times on this date for cross-examination of their respective testimony:

September 2, 1999, 9:00 a.m.

- (1) MidAmerican Energy Company
Docket No. ARC-99-156
- (2) IES Utilities Inc.
Docket No. ARC-99-151

September 2, 1999, 1:30 p.m.

- (1) Interstate Power Company
Docket No. ARC-99-150

Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Utilities Board at (515) 281-5256 in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

d. On or before October 1, 1999, each utility, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice, and any intervenors may file initial briefs.

e. On or before October 11, 1999, any party who has filed an initial brief may file a reply brief.

3. In the absence of objection, all underlying workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered into the record.

4. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in oral testimony or on cross-examination which have not been previously filed shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings. The party making reference to the data request shall file an original and six copies of the data request and response with the Board at the earliest possible time.

5. In the absence of objection, when the Board has called for further evidence on any issue and the evidence is filed after the close of the hearing, the evidentiary record will be reopened and the evidence will become part of the record five days after the evidence is filed with the Board. All evidence file pursuant to this paragraph shall be filed no later than seven days after the close of the hearing in this proceeding.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 9th day of June, 1999.